

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-08-16

Issued at Cordova, Alaska  
October 1, 2016

**Effective Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
October 2, 2016

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2017  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and nonresident hunting season for mountain goat in registration permit hunt RG248, north of the Port of Valdez in Game Management Unit 6(D). The hunt area includes the mainland drainages of Sheep Creek; north of Port Valdez, Robe Lake, and the Richardson Highway; and east of Shoup Glacier. Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other portions of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

### REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040 (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

	<b>Resident</b> Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	<b>Nonresident</b> Open Season
Units and Bag Limits		
(2)		
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Unit 6(D), Hunt RG248: specifically, that portion including the mainland drainages of Sheep Creek; north of Port Valdez, Robe Lake, and the Richardson Highway; and east of Shoup Glacier.	Oct. 1-Oct. 2	Oct. 1-Oct.2

1 goat by registration permit only;  
the taking of nannies with kids is

prohibited

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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner



By delegation to: Charlotte Westing  
Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The most recent aerial surveys resulted in a minimum count of 115 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG248. The Department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 5 goat units. Each billy counts as one goat unit, each nanny counts as two goat units, and each unrecoverable goat counts as 1.5 goat units. One billy, one nanny, and one goat that may be unrecoverable have been taken for a total of 4.5 goat units. Many hunters are currently in the field and it is likely that additional goats have been harvested and not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

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